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COUNTRY <u>Czechoslovakia</u>	REPORT <u>25X1</u>
TOPIC <u>1. Czech Troops in Litomerice and Nepomuk, near Klatovy.</u>	
<u>2. Reservists Training at VVT Horovice.</u> 25X1	
<u>3. Registration of the 1933 and 1934 Classes.</u> PLACE OBTAINED <u>25X1</u>	
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- 25X1 1. Prior to January 1954, 500 to 700 Czech army troops were quartered in the former Landwehr Barracks on the eastern perimeter of Litomerice (N 51/F 53) and on the south side of Ceskolipska trida. [redacted] NCOs and enlisted men wearing black epaulets and black-bordered red patches. No weapons other than light infantry weapons such as submachine guns, rifles, and machine guns were observed. From seven to nine trucks were occasionally in the billeting area. Four-wheeled Skoda trucks occasionally left the barracks area. From November 1953 to January 1954, enlisted men of young classes were frequently observed drilling in the barracks area.¹
2. In September 1953, the former Zelena Hora castle (N 50/L 21), north of Nepomuk and east of the Klaster (N 50/L 21) road, quartered Czech soldiers wearing black epaulets and yellow sheet metal insignia in the form of a semicircle with a gun barrel. Residents of Nepomuk said that the men belonged to a small AAA unit which occupied the castle in 1951. Five two-story twin buildings with new officers' billets were completed on the southern perimeter of Nepomuk in about early 1953.² 25X1
3. [redacted]
[redacted] VVT Horovice was the designation of a tent camp in the woods southeast of the town of Nerezin (N 50/L 44) and immediately northeast of the Valdek castle. [redacted] about 100 [redacted] reservists were inducted. [redacted]
[redacted] Officers of the VVT included 25X1
Lieutenant Colonel Nemecek (fnu), commander; Major Krupicka (fnu), deputy commander and political officer; Lieutenant Vokner (fnu); and Lieutenant Fiser (fnu).

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During the training period, the camp quartered about 300 men, equipped partly with German model 98-N rifles and partly with new submachine guns, besides German steel helmets and gas masks. The training program included basic infantry training and field training. Record firing with rifles and submachine guns at ring-type targets was practiced only on one day. All reservists received gas-defense training in the gas chamber. The men were given political indoctrination for about 20 minutes per day; mostly newspapers articles were read to them. The entire training program was rather lenient and was accepted without grumbling by the reservists in view of the abundant food and the short duration of the exercise.³

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[redacted] in early March 1953 [redacted] about 30 men who were subject to the draft and belonged to the 1933 and 1934 classes were examined by physicians, screened by a commission as to their background, and were finally handed military-service cards. The men examined were informed that they would have to appear for their final registration later on. In the meantime, they were pledged to participate in training program of the "Svazarm" organization. During the first registration, all men were obliged to apply for membership in this organization.⁴

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1. [redacted] Comment. The military academy for engineers and a cadre unit of about 200 men are carried in this barracks installation.
2. [redacted] Comment. The main headquarters of this AAA unit, which is reported for the first time, is undetermined. The unit possibly is the AAA battalion of the 11th Inf Div, although this unit was hitherto carried in Pilsen.
3. [redacted] Comment. The present report indicates that the tent camp was located on the northwestern perimeter of the Jince training grounds. Mail for reservists is apparently forwarded through the competent military-district headquarters. Elements of the 1923 class served their term of active service from the fall of 1945 to the fall of 1947.
4. [redacted] Comment. The 1933 class was inducted in the fall of 1953. It is expected that the first elements of the 1934 class will be inducted in the spring of 1954.

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